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SUBJECT: WRAP-UP REPORT ON CODEL DIGGS VISIT

REF: AMBASSADOR'S MEMCON WITH MINISTER SADLI FEB. &2, 1976

1. SUMMARY: CONGRESSMAN CHARLES C. DIGGS' FIRST VISIT TO INDONESIA PROVIDED CODEL WITH OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN USEFUL IMPRESSIONS AND INFORMATION ON INDONESIA'S PROBLEMS AND POTENTIAL. CODEL'S CHIEF OBJECTIVE WAS TO OBTAIN GENERAL OVERVIEW OF INDONESIA AND EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED SUCCESSFULLY. DURING BRIEF STOP, CONGRESSMAN AND HIS STAFF AIDE DR. CHALLENGER MET WITH INDONESIAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN CODEL'S AREAS OF INTEREST AND MADE SEPARATE FILED TRIPS TO OFFSHORE OIL OPERATION AND USAID PROJECT. HIGHLIGHTS OF CODEL VISIT FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

2. MEETINGS WITH GOI OFFICIALS: CODEL CALLED ON DR. ERLICH SANGER, CHIEF GOI DELEGATE TO OPEC AND DIRECTOR PERTAMINA (STATE OIL COMPANY) LEGAL AND FOREIGN MARKETING DIVISION, MINISTER OF MINES MOHAMMAD SADLI, AND IR. SUHUD, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOREIGN INVESTMENT BOARD. CONGRESSMAN HAD MET LATTER TWO IN WASHINGTON DURING THEIR VISIT TO U.S. IN OCTOBER AS PART OF SPECIAL INDONESIAN DELEGATION LED BY GEN. ALI MURTOPO. CONVERSATION WITH SANGER FOCUSED ON INDONESIA'S VIEWS ON OPEC: "WE DO NOT GET INVOLVED IN MIDDLE EAST POLITICS;" PERTAMINA REORGANIZATION; AND REALTIONS WITH FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES. WITH MINISTER SADLI, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CODEL DISCUSSED INDONESIAN CONTACTS WITH CONGRESS, OIL REVENUES,

ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG ASEAN MEMBERS AND U.S. AID. IR. SUHUD BRIEFED CODEL ON GOI'S POLICY ON INVESTMENT, BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, AND DISCUSSED AREAS WHERE GOI ENCOURAGED NEW INVESTMENT. SUHUD OUTLINED SPECIAL PROGRAMS AIMED AT STRENGTHENING DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL-SCALE BUSINESS. BOTH CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AND DR. CHALLENGOR COMMENTED FAVORABLE ON THEIR MEETINGS, INDICATING THAT THEY CAME AWAY MUCH BETTER INFORMED IN CODEL'S AREAS OF INTEREST. EMBASSY BRIEFING FOR CODEL FEATURED QUESTIONS BY CONGRESSMAN AND DR. CHALLENGOR ON TIMOR, MILITARY ASSISTANCE, ASEAN, AND LOCAL CHINESE INFLUENCE IN BUSINESS AND POLITICS.

3. FIELD TRIPS: CODEL SPENT MORNING OF FEBRUARY 3 TOURING OIL OPERATION OF INDEPENDENT INDONESIAN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY (IIAPCO) 20 MILES OFF NORTHEAST COAST OF JAVA. TOUR BEGAN WITH VISIT TO \$25 MILLION TELEDYNE DRILLING RIG (CONGRESSMAN WATCHED CREWS CAP DRY HOLE), THEN MOVED TO TYPICAL PRODUCTION PLATFORM, AND ENDED WITH VISIT TO STORAGE BARGE WHERE CODEL OBSERVED TANKER BEING LOADED. COMPANY OFFICIALS BRIEFED CONGRESSMAN AND DR. CHALLENGOR ON ECONOMICS OF OFFSHORE EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION IN INDONESIA. CODEL ALSO VISITED CREDIT UNION DEVELOPMENT (CUCO) PROJECT IN DOWNTOWN JAKARTA. CUCO REPRESENTS EXAMPLE USAID/VOLAG CO-FINANCED, CONGRESSNALLY MANDATED PROJECT DESIGNED TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT AT GRASS-ROOTS LEVEL. CODEL DROVE THROUGH JAKARTA KAMPUNG (LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD) TO SEE EFFECTS OF OVERPOPULATION AND TO WITNESS EFFORTS AIMED AT UPGRADING URBAN ENVIRONMENT.

4. PRESS: PRESS COVERAGE OV VISIT WAS GOOD WITH SEVERAL FRONT PAGE ARTICLES APPEARING IN ENGLISH AND INDONESIAN-LANGUAGE DAILIES. JAKARTA PRESS CLUB HOSTED MEETING FOR CONGRESSMAN WITH MEMBERS LOCAL AND FOREIGN PRESS AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 3. QUESTIONS DEALT WITH CONGRESSMAN'S VIEWS ON PRESIDENT FORD'S PACIFIC DOCTRINE, S.E. ASIA, AFRICA AND ANGOLA. WITH REGARD TO LATTER, CONGRESSMAN EXPRESSED VIEW THAT MPLA REPRESENTED DOMINANT FORCE IN ANGOLA AND THAT U.S. MUST GET SOUTH AFRICA OUT OF ANGOLA. FOLLOWING DAY, LEADING ENGLISH DAILY, INDONESIAN TIMES, GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE WITH HEADLINE, "U.S.: PACIFIC POWER SAYS CONGRESSMAN."

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GUEST LIST WHICH PROVIDED CODEL OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR VARIETY VIEWS ON INDONESIA. ATTENDING WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY, PRESS, PRIVATE SECTOR, AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS INCLUDING FRG AMBASSADOR MULLER WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN BONN. AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN'S GROUP (AMCHAM) HOSTED SMALL-GROUP DISCUSSION WHICH FEATURED LIVELY QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION ON VOTING AND TAX LEGISLATION AS WELL AS PROBLEMS DOING BUSINESS IN INDONESIA.

6. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AND DR. CHALLENGER INDICATED THEY WERE  
VERY SATISFIED BY RESULTS OF THEIR FIRST VISIT HERE, CHIEF  
OBJECTIVE OF WHICH WAS TO GIVE THEM BROAD OVERVIEW OF INDONESIA.

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